GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:902
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SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS TO NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has received any demand from the North East Students Organisation (NESO) regarding Special constitutional status for the North-Eastern States;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) : The Government had received a memorandum from North East Students Organization (NESO) in June, 2006 wherein various issues, including special constitutional status for the people of North Eastern States, have been raised.

(c):Special provisions with respect to the States of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh have already been made under Article 371 of the Constitution of India. In addition special provisions have been made in Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India for administration of tribal areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram. This schedule confers vast legislative, financial and executive powers to the Councils set up for the Autonomous Districts in these four States. No further proposal is under consideration of the Government.